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Dear Interested Party:

CORRECTED NOTICE RE: Drugs to treat Alzheimer's disease

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Drugs to treat Alzheimer's disease

donepezil (Aricept®)
rivastigmine tartrate (Exelon®, Exelon Oral Solution®)
galantamine hcl (Razadyne®, Razadyne ER®, Razadyne Oral Solution®)
memantine hcl (Namenda®, Namenda Titration PK®)

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. The Department of Labor & Industries does not cover this class of drugs.

The Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA) and the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) will implement the drugs to treat Alzheimer's disease class on April 1, 2007.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Regina Chacon at (206) 521-2027 or by email at regina.chacon@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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